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SUBJECT: WHALING IN FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE (FCZ)

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 77085 (B) TOKYO 7680

1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE OF MAY 23  
REITERATED PREVIOUSLY STATED U.S. POLICY (REF A) ON WHALING  
WITHIN U.S. FCZ, IN KEEPING WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTEC-  
TION ACT OF 1972 (MMPA), AS EXTENDED BY THE FISHERY CONSER-  
VATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT (FCMA) OF 1976. PROVISIONS OF  
MMPA, AS EXTENDED BY FCMA WOULD ALLOW JAPANESE TO APPLY FOR  
WAIVER AND PERMIT TO TAKE BRYDE'S WHALES.

2. FYI: EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE THAT INCLUSION IN PRESI-  
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DENT S MESSAGE OF A STATEMENT ON WHALING IN U.S. 200-MILE  
ZONE REFLECTS HIGHEST LEVEL USG CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE, AND  
WIDESPREAD AND INTENSE FEELING ON MATTER AMONG U.S. PUBLIC.  
AS EMBASSY ALSO AWARE, ANY REQUEST FOR A WAIVER AND PERMIT  
TO TAKE MARINE MAMMALS UNDER MMPA MUST BE PUBLISHED IN  
FEDERAL REGISTER, AND A JAPANESE REQUEST TO TAKE BRYDE'S  
WHALES WITHIN U.S. FCZ WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN A PUBLIC

HEARING. WE QUESTION WHETHER JAPANESE WOULD WISH TO PURSUE  
SUCH A REQUEST IN LIGHT OF STRONG NEGATIVE RESPONSE WHICH  
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY  
AND GENERAL PUBLIC, AS WELL AS HIGHLY POLITICIZED ATMOSPHERE  
IN WHICH SUCH A REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY USG  
AUTHORITIES. END FYI. VANCE

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